IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 00/050 MFE

In re Patent Application of Ursula MURSCHALL et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1774 Examiner: Kimberly T. Nguyen

"Opaque, white UV-stabilized low-flammability film with low transparency made For: from a crystallizable thermoplastic"

ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Charlotte, North Carolina May 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, please attend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17 - 18.

REMARKS

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Restriction has been required to limit the invention to the Clause of one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1 - 16, drawn to an opaque white film, classified in class 428, subclass 220.

Group II: Claims 17 - 18, drawn to a process for producing the opaque white film, classified in class 427, subclass 256.

The Examiner is of the opinion that the claims of Group I and II define different inventions. In order to be fully responsive to the Official Action, Applicants elect to retain the claims of Group I for further prosecution in the subject case, but Applicants retain the right to file one or more divisional applications or take other appropriate action to protect the invention lying within Group n.